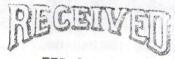


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DIVISION OF OIL GAS & MINING

February 5, 1992

American Gilsonite Company Attn: Mr. Terry Tilley

Bonanza, UT 84008

Dear Mr. Tilley:

RE: ML 31934--Gilsonite

Thank you for advising me today that archaeological work has not in fact been conducted on lands under ML 31934.

Pursuant to comments received from State History thru RDCC the Division hereby requests that you sponsor an archaeological survey of the leasehold prior to the commencement of any mine construction. The survey should focus upon identifying any historic sites which may be eligible for the National Register of Historic Places.

The State Antiquities Act prohibits unauthorized persons from disturbing any site of archaeological significance on state lands. If any sites are encountered then operations should immediately cease and the Division of State History should be promptly notified. Stiff penalties are associated with non-compliance with this law.

You may proceed with proposed mining operations, subject to the provisions of the State Antiquities Act and subject to finalizing your mine permit form the Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining.

Sincerely,

JOHN T. BLAKE

MINERAL RESOURCES SPECIALIST

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cc: Wayne Hedberg